GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Industries & Commerce Department- Managing Directors of Cooperative Sugar Factories- Allegation of misappropriation of funds against Sri V.V Ramana Rao, Managing Director, Chittoor Cooperative Sugars Ltd., Chittor, while working as MD, Chodavaram CSF, Govada, Visakhapatnam District- AoCs framed- Enquiry conducted- Imposing a penalty of withholding of (2) Annual grade increments of pay with cumulative effect under Rule 9 (vi) of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders –Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.17 Dated:29/01/2024

Read the following:

Ref:1) G.O.Rt.No.49, Ind. & Com. (Vig) Dept., dt.10.02.2017.
2) G.O.Rt No.270, Ind & Com (Vig) Dept., dt.16.10.2019.
3) G.O.Rt No.165, Ind & Com (Vig) Dept., dt.04.10.2021.
4) From the Director of Sugar & CC, Lr.Rc.No.2535/2015/B3, dt.06.07.2023
5) From the Director of Sugar & CC, Lr.Rc.No.2535/2015/B3, dt.07.09.2023.

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ORDER:

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, Sri V.V.Ramana Rao, the then Managing Director was placed under suspension for his alleged role in misappropriation of funds during the sale of sugar of Chodavaram Cooperative Sugars Ltd. and deliberate action in not insuring the stocks to the full value of stocks.

2. Whereas in the reference 2nd read above, Govt. have issued orders appointing Sri V.Gowri Shanker, Additional Registrar/Vigilance Officer, A.P. Girijan Cooperative Corporation, Visakhapatnam as Inquiry officer to cause detailed inquiry into the allegations of misappropriation of funds against Sri V.V. Ramana Rao, the then Managing Director, Chodavaram Cooperative Sugars Limited, Govada.

3. Whereas in the reference 3rd read above, Article of Charges were issued against Sri V.V.Ramana Rao, former M.D, Chodavaram Coop. Sugars Ltd., Govada, Visakhapatnam Dist.

4. Whereas in the reference 4th read above, the Director of Sugar & Cane Commissioner has submitted that Sri V. Gowri Shanker, Inquiry Authority has submitted his report dt.02.07.2022 wherein he has held that the Charges 1 & 2 framed against the delinquent officer are not proved and the charge No.3 i.e., "responsible for lot of procedural irregularities in processing the files pertaining to insurance coverage and sale of sugar" as proved. The Inquiry Authority has further recommended to order

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for a statutory Inquiry under Section 51 of A.P. Cooperative Societies Act, 1964 and the Director of Sugar has appointed Sri K.Anjaneya Sarma, Asst. Director (FAC) as Enquiry Officer to conduct enquiry. The Inquiring Authority has, after conducting inquiry into the matter, held that Sri V.V. Ramana Rao, the then Managing Director, Chodavaram Cooperative Sugars Ltd, Govada committed procedural irregularities / lapses in processing the files pertaining to insurance coverage and sale of damaged/wet sugar and failed in overall supervision over his subordinates.

5. Whereas in the reference 5th read above, based on the enquiry report furnished by the aforementioned Inquiry Officers, the Director of Sugar & CC has requested the Govt., to issue orders awarding the major penalty of withholding of (2) increments of pay with cumulative effect under Rule 9 (vi) of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991 in respect of Sri V.V. Ramana Rao, the then Managing Director, Chodavaram Coop Sugars Ltd, Govada for the procedural lapses committed in processing the files during the Hud- Hud cyclone period.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter and based on the material available, hereby orders to impose the major penalty of "withholding of (2) Annual grade increments of pay with cumulative effect" under Rule 9 (vi) of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri V.V. Ramana Rao, the then Managing Director, Chodavaram Coop Sugars Ltd, Govada for the procedural lapses committed in processing the files during the Hud- Hud cyclone period.

7. The Director of Sugar & Cane Commissioner shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

VANI MOHAN GALI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Sugar & Cane Commissioner, Tadepalli.
Sri V.V. Ramana Rao, the then Managing Director, Chodavaram Coop Sugars Ltd, Govada (through the Director of Sugar & CC, Tadepalli)

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The PS to Principal Secretary to Government (Sugar), AP Secretariat.
The Industries & Commerce (Estt.) Department.
The Secretary, AP Vigilance Commission.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

K. Roopa
SECTION OFFICER